

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/700,316

Applicant(s)

OHBERG ET AL.

Examiner

Benjamin W. Lee

Art Unit

3714

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Benjamin W. Lee (examiner).

(3) Marina Zalevsky (applicant's representative).

(2) Kathleen Mosser (primary examiner).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 07 February 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Eldridge (USPN 5,228,854).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Kathleen Mosser
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative argued that Eldridge does not teach feedback control, a missile simulator, and a simulated target seeker. The examiner agrees that Eldridge does not explicitly teach the feedback control limitations of claim 18 and explained why a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 was used (as opposed to 35 U.S.C. 102). The examiner believes it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to simulate feedback control since feedback control in missiles is well known and it would have been obvious to use feedback control in a simulation since the goal of simulations is to represent a real-world occurrence as closely as possible. Regarding the missile simulator and simulator target seeker limitations, the examiner believes that Eldridge teaches those limitations. The applicant's representative also presented proposed claim amendments. The examiner did not agree that adding the limitation of "continuous" signals in the feedback system would make the claims allowable or overcome the prior art. However, the examiner indicated that any further arguments and amendments filed in a response would be fully considered.